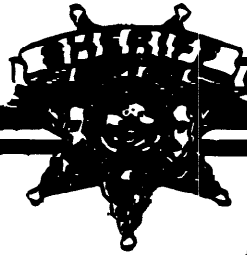


WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF

Dedicated Service in Partnership with our Community

Richard Kirkland
Sheriff



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Federal Aviation Administration
Attn: Rules Docket, AGC - 10
Office of Chief Counsel
800 Independence Ave. SW.
Washington, D.C. 20591

FAA-00-8182-1

Re: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF F.A.R. 61.118(E)

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is again requesting an exemption from 61.118 of the Federal Aviation Regulations to the extent necessary to permit those members of the Sheriff's Air Squadron to be reimbursed for fuel, oil, and maintenance costs that occur during official search missions.

We also request exemption 5119A, which would allow the Sheriff's Air Squadron to transport personnel and equipment to the scene of a rescue. Washoe County measures approximately 35 miles wide and 190 miles long, covering over 6,500 square miles. There is one paved road, which runs approximately two thirds the length, and the rest of the area is accessible either by improved dirt road or by air. Since rescues are emergencies, which are not planned, there is normally not enough time to locate a commercial transport and still conduct a rescue in time to save lives. The Sheriff's Air Squadron has the aircraft and availability to perform this emergency function in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact me at:
(775) 328-2196 voice, (775) 325-6912 fax.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters.

• RICHARD KIRKLAND,
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